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All the official news circulated in the German lines in Belgium lays stress on von Hindenburg's brilliant strategy, and the subsidized newspapers published in conquered territory equally emphasize his qualities as a great soldier.

The Kaiser's discontent with his army commanders in the western area has become notorious. He praised von Kluck for his first dash towards Paris, and afterwards soundly reprimanded him for not outflanking the British.

There have been several stormy interviews between the Emperor and the Bavarian Crown Prince since the out of the latter's conduct of the operations entrusted to him, while the King of Saxony is reported to have left General Headquarters in a towering rage, after a conversation with the War Lord that bordered on an open quarrel.

It has just been learned that Lieutenant John Hughes, 4th Royal Welsh Fusiliers, who was recently reported killed, met his death while rescuing a wounded comrade, Dr. Anderson. While he was dragging the doctor out of range a German deliberately shot him in the back.

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GEO. A. CALDWELL, Secretary.

Hongkong, March 24, 1915. 267

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 15th April to the 23rd April both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, C. MONTAGUE EDE, Secretary.

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MEMO. FOR TO-DAY.

9.15 p.m.—"Nobody's Daughter" at the Theatre Royal.

MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Antique Chinese Curios at Messrs. Hughes and Hughes.
3 p.m.—First Gymkhana, Race Course, Happy Valley.
9.15 p.m.—"What the Butler Saw" at the Theatre Royal.

General Memoranda.

MONDAY, April 19.—
Noon.—H.K. Schools' Athletic Sports.
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at P.W.D.
9.15 p.m.—"Three Terrible Twins" at the Theatre Royal.

TUESDAY, April 20.—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Teakwood and Blackwood Furniture, etc., at Messrs. Hughes and Hughes.
9.15 p.m.—"Diana of Dobson's" at the Theatre Royal.

WEDNESDAY, April 21.—
9.15 p.m.—"Under Two Flags" at the Theatre Royal.

THURSDAY, April 22.—
Noon.—Union Insurance Society's Meeting.
12.15 p.m.—China Traders' Insurance Co's Meeting.

FRIDAY, April 23.—
12.30 p.m.—H.K. Jockey Club Half-yearly Meeting.
Fri. 24, Sat. 24 & Monday, April 25.—
"The Gipsies" at the Theatre Royal.

SUNDAY, April 25.—
H.R. G. Princess Mary's Birthday (1897).
Wednesday, April 28.—
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have been printed in Chicago, the world-war is promised for 1914. Of course the uprising of China is to be witnessed. The anonymous author holds that China, goaded by Japan, marches on Russia. At the same time Austria begins a campaign against Russia in which Germany, France, and England become involved. The Orient is in flames. In North Africa the Holy War is being preached because the Moslems wish to free themselves from England and France and set up the great Caliphate. Finally their peril draws on the understanding of the European Powers, and the Turks are driven out of Europe just as were the Mongols. The result is: Europe for the Europeans.

It is too bad, says this critic, that so many people take such childish prophesying seriously; and he pauses for a moment to rap our English diviner, known as "Old Moore," whose forecasts are described as being very often inaccurate, despite their wide reputation in England. His world-famous competitor, Madame de Thibbes, of Paris, however, has been rather better served by the fall events. De Thibbes is an assumed name, we read, of a well-known Frenchwoman of aristocratic lineage and she practises the palmist method. Rending the hands of foreigners, she announces what is to happen in their country; and, the writer remarks, if she finds the palm of an Englishman, of an Austrian, or of a German hot and nervous, she interprets it as a sign that their respective countries are facing either war or revolution. It is a known fact that certain statesmen of reigning houses have visited Madame de Thibbes when they were sojourning in Paris, and we read that: "This indubitably clever woman, after many false predictions, has at last achieved a sensational success. In her Astrological Year-Book for 1913, she foretold for Austria-Hungary: 'The prince who awaits the Imperial throne shall not reign; in his stead shall rule a young man who at present has no thought of succeeding to the throne.' Again, in her Year-Book for 1914, one finds this saying: 'The tragedy in the Imperial House of Austria, which was foretold a year ago, will come to pass. No one is able to ward off destiny. Madame de Thibbes has an international clientele. Russian grand dukes are frequently in Paris, as are Serbian princes and dignitaries. Superstitious persons easily disclose what is in their minds, a statement that will be confirmed by every card-reader. Madame de Thibbes is a shrewd, worldly-wise woman, who, from single words, from an expression or look even, can put together many combinations. . . . And it may be she was better informed about Germany's forces than her compatriots: it may be she knew, too, the weaknesses of the French Army and the nature of the English character when she wrote this forecast: 'Belgium as a State has a shorter life to live than she has already lived.'"

The writer then goes on to mention the booklet that appeared in Berlin in 1897, in which, on "an astrological-physiological basis," it was predicted that a world-war would occur between 1904 and 1932. "The high mark of the struggle," spoke this prophet, "of this conflict among European nations, into which the Mongolian race shall be permitted to enter after a certain period, will occur some time between 1910 and 1920." This prophecy is wholly fulfilled, says our commentator, and cites particularly the inclusion of Japan in the fray. That he does not attach too much importance to the profession of prophecy, however, is plain from his remark that other predictions which have not proved quite so exact might have served as fore-warnings. "Not a few people in Europe can lay claim to clairvoyant powers," he adds, that "whoever has a clear eye for the present and a thorough understanding and knowledge of the past may disclose a gleam of the future. Many of his predictions coming true will astonish those who ever and always wander amid the dark shadows of the soul, and who are ever a welcome prey to those who can find 'good fishing' in troubled waters."

The American Consulate General, in Canton, with American diplomats and Consul offices throughout the world, was closed yesterday, the fiftieth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's death. Pines were planted on government buildings and temples.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

An international women's conference will shortly be held in Holland to discuss various questions in connection with the war.

An exceedingly interesting article entitled "1870," giving some disclosures of Bismarck's diplomacy about that time, appears on pages 2 and 3.

Lord Robert Cecil, in a letter to his constituents at Hitchin, denies that he has been asked to allow himself to be nominated for the Speakership.

With the increase by 30 per cent. in the price of beer in Berlin there has been an almost corresponding diminution in its quality, the liquor now consumed being watered down to more than 20 per cent. of its former strength.

Several ladies with legal degrees have been sent from Holland to take up positions under the Government of the Netherlands Indies. They will be engaged in the offices of various Government Departments, including the record office.

F. Bachelier, summoned by Inspector Sim for riding a pony to the common danger at Kowloon City Road, gave an address at 8 Robinson Road which had a once been reported as being incorrect. The summons was adjourned sine die.

The 11th Hussars have as regimental mascot a Russian bear, now nearly a year old. The animal has been sent to the Clifton Zoological Gardens for safe keeping during the war, and is reported to have become a great favourite with the visitors and the staff.

The Onger Machinery Company, defendants in an action instituted in the Supreme Court by Messrs Shaw, Thomas and Co., for \$734, has filed a claim against Messrs Shaw, Thomas and Co. for \$300, under a previous contract the action was mentioned before Mr. Justice Hazel and this morning and adjourned one week.

Mr. Scull, manager at the Hongkong Jockey Club stables, was fined \$10 by Mr. Wood at the Magistracy this morning for allowing two dogs to be at large without muzzles.

The defendant, who pleaded not guilty, said he was standing at his gate with the dogs when a "wretched mongrel" ran by and the dogs chased it. He sent out two men who brought back the dogs. They had been out less than 30 seconds.

Inspector Gordon said the dogs were out long enough to bite a boy.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The death is announced from wounds of Major F. A. Dickinson, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

Commander Basil Tait, R.N., Harbourmaster, who has been accepted for active service, will leave on the P. and O. s.s. Malta next week.

Mr. H. G. McKenzie, of the Robinson Piano Co., left to-day by the s.s. Haitian for Foochow. He proceeds later to Tientsin, to which branch of the firm's business he has been transferred.

Miss Nell Fraser, the well-known Scottish International golfer, and Captain of the Scottish International side, has died of fever in Serbia, where she had volunteered as a nurse and chauffeur with the St. Andrew's Ambulance Association.

THE FOWITT-PHILLIPS COMPANY.

The Fowitt-Phillips Company added another success to their list last night at the Theatre Royal with the production of "Raffles," the dramatized version of Mr. Hornung's well-known story. There was a large audience who repeatedly emphasized their appreciation of the talent of this capable company by loudly cheering the cast and the production. The play was very ably by Mr. Fowitt and his encounters with the American sleuths found (Mr. Cyril Radwin) gave the piece a fascinating interest. Mr. Jack Vallance was also a favourite as the professional gentleman's right to Jack-Egger was successful as the country gentleman of retiring habits. Miss Gertrude Godart, as the former accomplice of Raffles, provided an excellent study as the neglected and revengeful lover. To-night "Nobody's Daughter" will be staged.

"MY FRIEND LUTHER."

Kaisers' Homily on "Our Allies up Above."

Amsterdam.—The "Danziger Zeitung" published the following address by the Kaiser, which was delivered after Divine service in the park of the Castle of Nijmegen in Russian Poland, and was taken down in shorthand by an officer: "Soldiers, a hard task is laid on you. We have to prove again to the world Germany's right to existence. There should be no over-estimation of the enemy, nor under-estimation of our own strength. We Prussians are already accustomed to fight against and overcome a superior enemy. "We should trust firmly in our great allies up above, who will help our just cause to victory. We know from childhood, and in our study of history, how grown up we have learned, that God is only on the side of the believing armies. Thus it was under the Great Elector, and under old Fritz, and in the time of my grandfather and grandfather, and so it is now under me. "As a great Seemann, and as my friend, Luther declared, 'A man with God is always in the majority.'"

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BY TELEGRAPH.

THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

BRITISH CASUALTIES TILL APRIL 11.

LORD KITCHENER AND CONSCRIPTION.

BERLIN OFFICIALS QUARREL OVER SUBMARINE FRIGHTFULNESS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BRITISH CASUALTIES.

London, April 15.
In the House of Commons, Mr. H. J. Tennant, Under-Secretary for War, announced that the British casualties to April 11 totalled 189,347.

HOW TO AVERT CONSCRIPTION.

London, April 15, 1.5 p.m.
The Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers states that Lord Kitchener told the Society's executive that the most effective way to avert conscription was to fill the workshops of the country for the production of munitions.

"SUBMARINE FRIGHTFULNESS"

QUARRELS REGARDING IT IN BERLIN.

London, April 15, 1.5 p.m.
It is stated in Rotterdam, from a diplomatic source, that there have been quarrels in Berlin on the subjects of the policy of submarine frightfulness. Count von Bethmann Hollweg opposed the idea, of which Admiral von Tirpitz was the originator, and it was only after a long struggle that the Imperial assent was obtained. Count von Bethmann Hollweg is still in disagreement with it, and the vacillating conduct of the pirates is due to the varying orders issued by the German authorities.

WHY COTTON IS NOT CONTRABAND.

London, April 14.
The Hon. Neil Primrose, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, announced in the House of Commons that the military advantages to be obtained in declaring cotton contraband were insufficient to render the step expedient.

HONOURING A BRAVE BRITISH CREW.

London, April 15.
The Lord Mayor of Liverpool, in the Town Hall on Monday, will present to the captain and crew of the "City of Cambridge," £500 sterling in appreciation of their seamanship in escaping from a submarine on March 28 after being chased two hours. They were shelled constantly and damaged considerably and yet, though the speed was slow, they always got the submarine astern. The steamer went twice round the compass in manœuvring.

GOOD WORK BY THE FRENCH ARTILLERY.

London, April 15.
A Paris communique states: At Avillers near La Boisselle our heavy artillery completely destroyed the enemy's trenches and shelters. We progressed northward at Lanch 1,500 metres towards Schneppen-Rietkopf, south-east of Metzlar.

THE LOYAL JEWS OF ENGLAND.

London, April 15, 1.5 p.m.
The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Reading, speaking at a Jewish recruiting meeting at Shore-ditch, mentioned that 11,000 Jews are serving with the forces.
A message from Lord Kitchener, paying a tribute to the work of the Jewish Recruiting Committee, was read.

BRITISH VICTORY IN MESOPOTAMIA.

London, April 14.
It is officially announced that 23,000 Turks, Kurds, and Arabs, with 28 guns, attacked the British at Shabib, in Mesopotamia, on Monday and Tuesday. The British assumed the offensive on Tuesday and drove the enemy northward, capturing eighteen officers and 800 men, two guns, and several standards.

The British casualties on Monday were none killed, four British officers, 23 men and 65 Indians wounded.

THE FIGHTING ON THE YSER.

BRILLIANT ACTION OF FRENCH AND BELGIAN TROOPS.

London, April 15, 1.5 p.m.
Details have been received of the fighting on the Yser during the week-end. A two days battle was begun by a small party of Germans, who, by the use of crossing the Yser, delivered a bold attack under cover of which reinforcements were rushed up. The Belgians were in danger of being overwhelmed, but French troops went to their assistance, and as the German main bodies were pushing forward, the British left wing delivered an attack. With the bayonet they drove the Germans along the right bank of the Yser, and this weakened the enemy further down the river. The French and Belgians were then able to hurl them back across the stream, beyond the canal, and here, on the open ground, the Allied artillery caused awful slaughter. As the result of the battle the Allied lines on the Yser were advanced a mile. Civilian help had to be fetched in, burying the German dead lying thickly behind the lines of the Allies, whose losses were comparatively insignificant.

GENEROUS GIFT FROM AUSTRALIA.

London, April 15, 1.5 p.m.
Reuter's Melbourne correspondent telegraphed that the Commonwealth Government had presented to the War Office a hospital of one thousand beds with personnel.

